

## Iron County Register

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BRONTON. : : : MISSOURI.

England has aerophobia.

Pessimists are scarce articles these days.

Seashore or mountains? That's the question.

Rains vex the city man and make the country man glad.

Cuba must behave or Uncle Sam will have to spank it again.

Pretty near time for Venezuelan and Central American war scares to break out again.

"Cuba should be grateful," declares the Philadelphia Press. But is Cuba not a republic?

A southern paper suggests "Why not have a 'Father's day'?" We have—it comes once a week.

Would there be the possibility of so diluting that sleeping sickness as to make it a cure for insomnia?

A Brooklyn clergyman declares that the rum power is to be banished from New York. "Good-by, gay old Broadway!"

A scientist tells us that Niagara will run dry in 3,000 years. Possibly. The tendency is certainly making great headway.

A town in New Jersey has a headless ghost, and the townspeople are trying to find some one who will put a head on it.

When we have remodeled the 16 battleships that went around the world shall we send them around to show the improvements?

A man is going to attempt an air trip from Boston to Europe. He had better have his "C. Q. D." signals in good working order.

Says a Washington doctor: "If you would not become a drunkard, stop eating meat." Dead men do not get dipsomania, you know.

Count Boni de Castellane is coming to this country to hunt for big game. There is reported to be quite a flutter among our huntresses.

Another American princess has obtained a divorce, but having married a prince of the usual variety, what else was left for her to do?

The price of potatoes is increasing, but this won't bother the amateur gardeners who are confident of raising their own vegetables this year.

In Russia a new rebellion of an argumentative kind has broken out against the grafters and reactionaries who succeeded the grand dukes.

Any graffito which would eat the artificial cherries off a young woman's hat is in need of instruction in the rules of hygiene and good manners.

The great wall of China has been traced 1,800 miles from the coast. There are traces of ten other walls, but the great wall overtopped them all.

The weather we have had recently ought to make it rather difficult for anybody to hull the duck market on the theory that there is to be a short crop.

European scientist will put an end to war by means of Hertizian waves. Now all we need to do is to invent an armor plate impervious to Hertizian waves.

Terrible was the loss of life on both land and water by the spring storm. Every season of the year makes an awful contribution to the world's tragedies.

China has promulgated a decree to the effect that Chinamen domiciled in other countries shall remain Chinamen. Were they ever known to do otherwise?

The proposal to increase the revenues of New Jersey by enlarging the assessment on corporations is frankly defended on the ground that the state is poor and needs the money. Surely, a straightforward admission. Doubtless the trusts organized under the New Jersey law will not vehemently oppose the plan, for they derive from the state privileges worth even the heavier price Senator Frelinghuysen proposes to exact. To pay up would be cheaper than to shut up or move.

An appropriate feature of Flag day celebration was that at Washington, where a facsimile of the flag that floated over Fort McHenry and inspired the writing of the national anthem was raised over the house in which Francis Scott Key, the author, lived for many years. While this ceremony was proceeding 400 school children sang "The Star-Spangled Banner," and it is safe to say each received deep impressions in patriotism and new conceptions of the honor due the flag.

The pressure of a gold button in the White House, at Washington, started the machinery of the great fair at Seattle, opening the big exposition. That is typical of modern life. A touch upon a button and modern invention and science does the rest.

If you must swing the hammer, use it to drive nails and help build up; not to destroy and tear down.

Cincinnati is trying to fix the clocks so as to get to work an hour earlier in the morning. That cold, gray dawn is a fierce thing over the Rhine.

The ambition of the aeronaut is to hitch his dirigible to a star.

As a result of his first lesson, one of Wright's pupils demonstrated that he could fall out of an aeroplane with as dull a thud as his teacher.

The latest aeronaut has a vehicle which consists of a motor boat suspended to a balloon. The next invention will probably enable the apparatus to be turned into a motor car, so that any emergency can be provided for.

## SNELL JURY REPORT

ECCENTRIC MILLIONAIRE WHO CUT SON OFF IS FOUND TO HAVE BEEN INSANE.

GRANDNIECE IS CHIEF LOSER

Kansas City Woman Upon Whom He Lavished Fortune Will Appeal

Second Time—Two Special Questions.

Clinton, Illinois.—Colonel Thomas Snell, who died leaving an estate of nearly \$2,000,000, but who cut his son, Richard, off with an annuity of \$50, was declared by a jury to have been insane at the time his will was made, and a motion for a new trial was filed. When this is denied the case will be appealed to the supreme court.

The jury took the case about 6 o'clock and within an hour reached an agreement. If the higher court sustains the verdict Richard Snell will receive \$750,000 from the estate and the annuity of \$1,200 which the colonel left to one of his admirers, Mabelle Snell McNamara of Kansas City, his grandniece, will be discontinued. This is the second time a jury in the De Witt county circuit court has declared in favor of the contestants.

Will a Weird Document. Had the will stood, the legal heirs would have received, all told, annuities aggregating \$5,000, and not exceeding \$1,000 in any single case, while the residue of the fortune would have been held in a weird trust agreement for heirs yet unborn.

On the date set for a final distribution, in the terms of the will, the estate would have grown probably to \$100,000,000.

Two special interrogatories were given the jury. They were:

Two Special Questions. "Was Thomas Snell at the time of execution of the alleged will, and each of the codicils thereto, influenced and controlled in the making and execution thereof by any insane delusion concerning his son, Richard Snell?" Answer yes or no.

The jury answered "Yes." "Was Thomas Snell, at the time of the execution of the alleged will, and each of the three codicils thereto, laboring under an insane delusion that the contestant, Richard Snell, was not his son, and was he influenced and controlled thereby in making of said instruments?" Answer yes or no.

The jury answered "Yes."

NEEDLE IN HIS HEART

Temperance Worker Rev. D. D. Babcock, Sick in Bed, Takes Own Life.

Des Moines, Iowa.—While lying in bed suffering from heart disease and knowing he could not live many weeks, Rev. D. D. Babcock of Marshalltown, a well-known Iowa temperance worker, author and lecturer, committed suicide.

He has asked his wife for a package of needles. Thinking he wanted to use a needle to open a blister, Mrs. Babcock gave him the package.

Twenty minutes later Babcock died suddenly. An undertaker, while embalming the body, discovered the needle driven under the flesh over the heart.

ENGINE KILLS AN AUTOIST

Three Others of Long Island Party Injured—Deputy Sheriff Dies Instantly.

New York City.—One man was killed, one fatally injured and one seriously hurt when their automobile was wrecked in collision with a Long Island railroad train at the Winfield crossing, three miles from Long Island City.

Deputy Sheriff Edward Hurley, 29, Glen Cove, L. I., was killed instantly. Allen Perry, 38, Seaside, L. I., will die, while O. D. Tappan, New York, owner of the car, was seriously hurt. Horace T. Sherwood, Glen Cove, jumped and escaped injury.

Strikers Ordered Citizens Out. East Liverpool, Ohio.—Warnings to leave town within 24 hours have been received by prominent residents of Chester, W. Va., who advised striking employes in the tin mills to return to work.

Bishop Shanley Found Dead. Fargo, North Dakota.—Arrangements for the funeral of Bishop Shanley of the Catholic church of North Dakota, who was found dead in his room, are being made. He was a nephew of Archbishop Ireland. It is

Died in Vesuvius Observatory. Rome, Italy.—Prof. R. V. Maturci, director of the royal observatory on Mount Vesuvius, who was famous for his devotion to duty during eruptions of the volcano, died in the observatory.

Princess Hurt in Auto Accident. Dresden, Germany.—Princess Johann of Saxony was thrown out of her automobile while driving in the vicinity of the castle. She was injured about the head, but the wound is slight.

Island of Crete Shaken. Canes, Crete.—Reports from the interior say that many were killed in an earthquake that shook the island. The damage to property is also reported to be great. Means of communication with the interior are limited as the reports are meager.

Boys' Jury Disagrees. Detroit, Michigan.—The jury in the murder trial of Dr. G. K. Royall, who shot and killed his nephew, Harroton Gostonian, disagreed and was

## GOOD SPORT WITH THE OLD GUN.



## MANY WOUNDED IN LABOR RIOT

CLUBS, BRICKS AND SLAG USED IN LABOR FIGHT AT MCKEE'S ROCKS, PA.

## STATE GUARDS ARE CALLED OUT

"Surprise Strike" Starts Without Apparent Reason on Preparation on Either Side—Strikers Not Members of a Union.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Six wounded, two fatally and fifteen seriously injured by flying bricks, iron slag and clubs sums up the result of the first day's "surprise strike" by the men employed in the Pressed Steel Car Co.'s plant at McKees Rocks.

The strike starting shortly before noon Tuesday came without much apparent reason or preparation on either side. The striking men composing the greater part of the foreign element of McKees Rocks, claim that since a pooling system of pay has been introduced they have been receiving less pay for the same number of hours they worked previous to the change.

On the other hand the Pressed Steel Car company claim they are paying higher wages than before the pooling system was in effect and are willing to open their books for public inspection to prove their assertions.

The men employed by the Pressed Steel Car company are not members of any particular union or organization and their strike does not in any way affect the union organizations here.

With the arrival of two hundred men of the state constabulary and the additional force of deputies now on the ground, the authorities believe they have the situation well in hand and are able to cope with any emergency.

The company attempted to bring a number of strike breakers by steamer to the works; but the rioters lined the banks of the river armed with bricks, slag and revolvers.

Their fusillade was returned by sheriffs on the beat, but the landing of the men was prevented by the rioters. Several guards attempted to leave the plant for a near by restaurant but were set upon by strikers and compelled to beat a hasty retreat. Shots are heard at frequent intervals and a number have been injured but not seriously.

Drowns, Chums Escape. Carmi, Ill.—While bathing with two companions Miles Thomas was drowned in Lost creek, near Enfield. The body was recovered.

"Solitary" for Suffragettes. London, England.—The suffragettes in Holloway jail who have been making trouble for the prison authorities by refusing to comply with the prison regulations, have been ordered confined to their cells for a period of 24 hours.

Four Helpless on Ocean. San Francisco, Cal.—Somewhere on the Pacific, between Half Moon bay and this city, four men in an open boat are drifting while life savers are patrolling the coast to effect a rescue.

Soldiers Injured by Explosion. Cheyenne, Wyo.—The explosion of a hundred pounds of powder in the barracks of Batter A at Fort Russell injured seven soldiers, three fatally and destroyed the building. The injured men were preparing blank ammunition at the time of the explosion.

Agree on Customs Court. Washington, D. C.—The tariff conference agreed to accept the senate provision for the establishment of the customs court with the senate provisions relating to undervaluations.

Prince Von Buelow Retires. Berlin.—Prince Von Buelow, chancellor of the empire has retired from office and was succeeded by Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg. The latter was succeeded by Herr Del Brueck, as minister of the interior and vice chancellor.

Graft Sentence Affirmed. Philadelphia, Pa.—The superior court affirmed the decision of the lower court in the capital graft cases. It is probable the convicted men will carry their cases to the supreme court.

## QUAKE DESTROYS VILLAGES

Southern Greece Is Visited by Violent Earthquake—Twenty Are Dead And Many Injured.

Athens, Greece.—An earthquake has occurred in the province of Elis, the capital of which is Pyrgos. Several villages were destroyed and many people perished. The material loss is heavy.

London, England.—A dispatch to a London news bureau from Athens says that a violent earthquake has occurred in Southern Greece, resulting in considerable loss of life and damage to property.

Twenty persons are reported dead and a hundred injured at one village and three other villages suffered heavily.

The dispatch adds that when the details are learned it is likely that the casualty list will be greatly increased.

## PRESIDENT TO STAND PAT

Taft Informs Senator Aldrich and Representative Payne He Still Favors Corporation Tax.

Washington, D. C.—Slight but unmistakable evidence of friction between the president and the conferees on the tariff bill have become apparent.

At last effort by the conferees to induce the president to consent to striking out the corporation tax amendment failed. The president not only told Senator Aldrich and Chairman Payne that he would not withdraw from his position in favor of this tax, but that he was assured of sufficient votes to keep the provision in the bill and to insure its adoption in both houses.

The president reiterated this position to several of his callers.

## Bogus \$20 Bills Are Out.

Cincinnati, Ohio.—Examine closely your \$20 bills. Chief Wilkie of the secret service has sent out this warning. At the subtreasury it was learned that many of the new bogus bills made in Cuba have been received here from places in Ohio, as well as several spurious dollars and half dollars.

## Boy Killed by Train.

St. Louis, Mo.—John Smith, 16-year-old son of Benjamin Thomas Smith, returning from a day's fishing on the east side, fell between a Terminal engine and a freight car at Ninth and Poplar streets late Thursday and his legs were cut off. The boy died on his way to the hospital.

## Two Locked in Folding Bed.

Creston, Ia.—When Myran Smith got up to stop an alarm clock his folding bed closed, imprisoning him and his wife, the latter a well-known vocalist. It was an hour before they were released. Smith was bruised and his wife has a dislocated shoulder and internal injuries.

## Amateur Boxer Killed.

Dallas, Tex.—Earl Terry, 20 years old, died at Aquilla from injuries suffered in a friendly boxing match with Britton Stacey. A blow delivered in the left side near Terry's heart caused him to fall, and he died in less than one minute.

## Sister Drowns in Big Sioux.

Sioux Falls, S. D.—Two women drowned by the capsizing of a boat in the Big Sioux river were identified as Mabel and Pearl Melsenholder, 23 and 20, sisters.

## In Hurry to Tax Incomes.

Galveston, Tex.—So anxious is Gov. Campbell to have Texas the first state to ratify the income tax amendment to the United States constitution that he is considering calling the legislature in special session.

## Prize Fighter Is Insane.

New York City.—A shadow of his old self, Terry McGovern, once featherweight champion pugilist of the world, was taken to a sanitarium at Amityville, L. I.

## Live Stock Exchange Meets.

Denver, Colo.—The convention of the National Live Stock exchange, comprising 14 of the leading live stock markets of the country, was opened in the stock yards pavilion here at address by President T. S. Graves of Indianapolis.

## Grounded Steamer Gets Away.

New York City.—The steamer Prinz Friedrich Wilhelm, which ran aground in the Ambrose Channel was floated undamaged and proceeded on her way.

## 2 MOUNTAINS DISAPPEAR

BAY IS TRANSFORMED INTO LAKE WITH ISLANDS.

Government Surveyors Discover Astonishing Feats of Nature in Bering Sea.

Washington, D. C.—Juggling two imposing mountain peaks off the map, transforming a bay into a lake and springing into existence two brand new islands, are the astonishing feats of nature discovered in Bering Sea by a government party and reported to the treasury department.

In that stretch of water, with its swiftly moving currents, is the island of Bogoslof, whose constantly changing conformation has more than once attracted widespread attention. A report received by Captain Commandant Ross of the revenue cutter service, says that a party from the revenue cutter Perry landed on Bogoslof on June 10 last, made a cursory examination of the island and found that a number of important changes had taken place since last year.

Perry Peak and McCulloch Peak, which had heretofore loomed high in the air, have disappeared, and the opening of the bay or lagoon, a pretty open shown in pictures on file in the treasury department, has closed up, forming a lake of warm salt water of a temperature of about 71 degrees. The lake is slightly below sea level and in its center two small islands have sprung up. One of these islands is throwing off a volume of steam.

## "HOME RULE" PLAN FAILS

Kansas City Rejects Proposed Amendment to Charter and Refuses Bond Issue.

Kansas City, Mo.—Unofficial returns from the election here indicate that the "home rule" amendment to the city charter failed to carry. Apparently none of fourteen bond issues, calling for a total expenditure of \$4,125,000 for civic improvements, was authorized.

Chief interest centered around the excise amendment which was a plan to take the control of the saloons away from the police board and give it to a bi-partisan board of two democrats and two republicans. The plan grew out of a recent investigation of the methods of the police.

## 4,000 POLES ARE BROKEN

Floods and Storms Damage Western Union \$280,000 in Poles and Equipment.

Des Moines, Ia.—More than 4,000 Western Union telegraph poles in Iowa were broken by the recent storm and floods throughout the state, and the total loss on poles and equipment to the company is placed at \$280,000.

This was the statement made tonight by Superintendent Leon W. Ainsworth of the Iowa division.

More than seven hundred men are now being employed daily to repair the havoc wrought. Repairs in Iowa alone will cost \$300,000.

## Offers Big Purse For Fight.

Ely, Nev.—"Tex" Hall, who is endeavoring to promote a fistic battle between Sam Langford and Stanley Ketchel to take place here, said he is confident Langford would sign articles of agreement when they reached him. Hall added that the purse of \$25,000 had been secured and was ready for the fighters when they should settle preliminary arrangements.

## Denver Taboos Sunday Funerals.

Denver, Colo.—Hereafter no Sunday funerals will be held in Denver, unless orders are issued by the board of health, making them necessary in particular cases. This was decided today when an agreement was signed by forty ministers, twenty-one undertakers and firms and the two principal cemeteries of the city.

## County Clerk Among the Missing.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—F. W. Dulaney, clerk of the circuit court of Washington county, has absconded and gone west. Dulaney, it is said, left a note in his desk in which he states he was behind from \$8,000 to \$9,000 in his accounts.

## "Dries" Will Contest Election.

Bristol, Va.—On the ground that 125 illegal votes were cast in the local option election held here last week, which resulted in a victory of the "wets" by 22 majority, the temperance leaders this evening decided to contest the election.

## Railroad Declares Dividend.

Nashville, Tenn.—The board of directors of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railway declared a semi-annual dividend of two and one-half per cent.

## Tulsa Heat Victim Dies.

Tulsa, Okla.—From the effects of sun stroke received while watching a ball game Stillman Bailey died at the hospital. This is the first death here from heat, although there have been several prostrations.

## Jap Strikers Return to Work.

Honolulu, H. I.—All of the Japanese laborers at the Waimanale plant who struck and who made a demonstration against County Sheriff Jarrett when he arrested five of their leaders, returned to work.

## Governor Is Ill.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Governor John A. Johnson is seriously ill at his apartments in the Aberdeen hotel. He has already undergone three operations for appendicitis and intestinal troubles.

## Lineman Drowned After Fall.

Chillicothe, Mo.—Ed Cornwell, a telephone lineman, fell from a pole while fixing a wire over the flooded district and was drowned. His death is the third resulting from the flood here.

## MISSOURI NEWS

Cross Is Board Secretary.

Jefferson City.—The state board of charities and correction, elected John T. Cross of Columbus, secretary, to succeed Frank Bowman, of Lexington, resigned. The position pays a salary of \$1,200 per year.

Kills His Hired Hand.

Sedalia.—Thomas Warren, prominent farmer and stockman, shot and killed John Wilkerson, a hired man, at Warren's home near Houstonia. Warren and Wilkerson disagreed over a contract for labor matter and when this was left to arbitration, the decision was adverse to Wilkerson.

## Gmelich's Health Improved.

Jefferson City.—Governor Hadley is in receipt of a letter from Lieut. Gov. Jacob F. Gmelich, at Atlantic City, in which the latter states he will be back in Jefferson City the coming week and that his health has been entirely restored.

## Force Open Kuhn's Desk.

St. Joseph.—When former Superintendent W. F. Kuhn of the state hospital No. 2 declined to unlock his desk for the benefit of his successor, the desk was forced open. Papers that were needed were found therein.

## Trust Trial to St. Louis.

Jefferson City.—A short session of the harvest trust investigation was held here by Special Commissioner Theodore Brace, at which Attorney General Major announced that the state had rested and would take no more testimony, as he believed that he had secured sufficient evidence to sustain the contention behind the proceedings. Judge S. P. Spencer, the Missouri attorney for the Harvest company, said that he desired to take testimony in rebuttal, and that several weeks would be required for that purpose. The hearing was then adjourned, to be resumed in St. Louis September 14.

## Avant Prison Stripes.

Jefferson City.—Soon the convicts in the Missouri penitentiary will not be distinguished by the striped clothing which they wear. The board of prison inspectors has made an order abolishing the stripes in that institution, except as a punishment for prisoners who break the rules of the institution. The board has decided that better discipline can be maintained by using the stripes as a mode of punishment. The new order will go into effect as soon as the board decides upon the new uniform clothing. It is likely that light material will be used for summer and a gray for winter.

## May Vote on Bonds Again.

Kansas City.—Leading officers of Kansas City civic bodies favor resubmitting all of the defeated bond issues to another vote. Their opinion is that many of the voters could not dissociate the bond questions from the excise amendment, and so cast their ballots against both. City Counselor Harding says they can legally resubmit at once. Without revenues from such a source it will be impossible to improve the water works, parks, build a tuberculosis hospital and provide other municipal necessities.

## Wants \$50,000 Heart Balm.

Kansas City.—Mrs. Rosa Peck has sued Alex Reiger for \$25,000 damages for alienating from her the affections of her father, Jacob Reiger, aged 72. She has sued the elder Reiger, now in New York, for breach of promise, for the same amount.

## Noted Kansas City Physician Dies.

Kansas City.—Dr. Willis P. King, 69 years old, a physician well known in the Middle West, died here. He was for fifteen years in charge of the Missouri Pacific hospital at Sedalia.

## Lineman Is Drowned.

Chillicothe.—Edward Cornwell, of Brookwood, Mo., 38 years old, was drowned at the Jintown river bridge while attempting to make a connection for the Bell Telephone company.

## W. B. Homer Appointed Judge.

Jefferson City.—Gov. Hadley appointed Wm. B. Homer of St. Louis to succeed Judge Matt Reynolds on the circuit bench.

## Plea Self Defense; Acquitted.

St. Joseph.—Edward Fairhurst, a young farmer, charged with the murder of Charles Tapp, a prominent horseman has been acquitted. Fairhurst put up a plea of self-defense. The shooting occurred last Christmas.

## Mother of Six Kills Herself.

Marshall.—The body of Mrs. James Stookey of this place was found in a smokehouse. She had drunk carbolic acid. Ill health unbalanced her mind. She is survived by her husband and six children.

## Attacks a Deaf Girl.

Perry.—Walter Veersted, 40, has been arrested charged with an attack upon Hazel Davis, 20 years old, a deaf girl, the daughter of Mrs. R. J. Davis. Veersted's arrest followed and there is talk of lynching.

## Session Acts in Book Form.

Jefferson City.—The secretary of state has received first copies of the session acts of the forty-fifth general assembly. It is a bulky book, having 953 pages. Fifteen thousand copies will be distributed.

## Rules Against Salary Law.

Maryville.—Special Judge Alvin Bingham, sitting for Circuit Judge W. C. Ellison, declared the law of 1907 fixing the salary of prosecuting attorney in counties having between \$2,000 and 50,000 population at \$2,500 a year unconstitutional.

## Mrs. Miller on Charity Board.

Jefferson City.—Governor Hadley appointed Mrs. Walter McNab Miller, of Columbia, a member of the state board of charities and correction, for term expiring January 1, 1913.

## PRINCE PREGOCIOUS

Heir to Throne of Russia Amuses His Sisters.

Lad Who Some Day Will Be Czar a Sturdy Little Fellow—Education of Royal Children Once Far Stricter.

St. Petersburg.—The handsome sturdy little fellow who will one day be czar of all the Russias, has not yet apparently entered upon the more serious side of his educational career, and at present he and the other imperial children lead as much as possible an outdoor life, with plenty of wholesome exercise.

It has long been the custom with the Russian court that the early years of education should be conducted largely on English lines, and English is a language which the imperial children begin to learn when quite young.

The precocious sayings and doings of the little prince, now nearly five years old, have been a constant source of merriment to his elder sisters who are spoken of as being bright, high-spirited children.

Miss M. Eager, who for some time was in charge of the imperial nursery, once told a delightful anecdote of the two older daughters of the czar, the grand duchesses Olga and Tatiana, at the time when their education began in earnest.

They usually lunched with their parents, but were told that when they were unruly and not polite to their tutor they would have to lunch in the nursery.

"For a while things went smoothly, but one day Olga was naughty, and got a bad mark. She turned